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SUMMARY: WITH UNITY AND STABILITY STILL THE KEY WORDS DOMESTICALLY, PEKING HAS SENT IN TROOPS TO BREAK UP FACTION-ALISM IN HANGCHOW FACTORIES AND TO RESTORE ORDER. THE PRC HAS PROUDLY ANNOUNCED ITS LATEST SPACE ACHIEVEMENT--ITS THIRD SATELLITE--AFTER HAVING CONDEMNED THE SOVIETS FOR THEIR HEAVY EXPENDITURES ON SPACE EXPLORATION. ON THE EXTERNAL SIDE, CONFIDENTIAL

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PRC PROPAGANDISTS CONTINUED TO LAMBAST THE SOVIETS FOCUSING ON THE CSCE SUMMIT, ANGOLA, THE OPENING OF THE OAU, AND SOUTHEAST ASIA. END SUMMARY

1. CENTER CRACKS DOWN IN CHEKIANG

DEMONSTRATING THE IMPORTANCE PEKING PUTS IN ACHIEVING "UNITY AND STABILITY," THE CENTER HAS TAKEN FIRM STEPS TO

BREAK THE BACK OF FACTIONALISM IN CHEKIANG AND TO IMPROVE AN APPARENTLY TROUBLED INDUSTRIAL SITUATION. ACTING ON SPECIFIC ORDERS FROM CHAIRMAN MAO AND THE PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE, PLA TROOPS WERE SENT INTO A NUMBER OF HANGCHOW FACTORIES TO RESTORE ORDER AND REINVIGORATE PRODUCTION. THE TROOPS INCLUDED 6,000 FROM A PLA UNIT STATIONED IN CHEKIANG AS WELL AS 4,500 FROM THE CHEKIANG MILITARY DISTRICT AND THE HANGCHOW GARRISON COMMAND (HONG KONG 8610 AND 8522). AT THE SAME TIME, THE PROVINCE'S PARTY LEADERSHIP WAS REORGANIZED, APPARENTLY STRENGTHENING THE HAND OF FIRST SECRETARY TAN CHI-LUNG WITH COLLEAGUES FROM EARLIER YEARS APPOINTED AS MILITARY DISTRICT COMMANDER AND HANGCHOW MUNICIPAL FIRST SECRETARY. CONFIDENTIAL

2. FURTHER EMPHASIS ON WORKER UNIVERSITIES

THE ANNIVERSARY OF CHAIRMAN MAO'S JULY 21 DIRECTIVE ON EDUCATION OCCASIONED A FLOOD OF REPORTS ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF JULY 21 WORKERS' UNIVERSITIES (HONG KONG A-155). PROVINCIAL BROADCASTS CLAIMED 333 SUCH SCHOOLS IN HEILUNGKIANG DOWN TO "OVER 10" IN LESS-ACTIVE FUKIEN. THE REGIME IS EVIDENTLY GIVING A BIG PUSH THIS YEAR TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THESE SCHOOLS, SINCE THEIR NUMBER ROSE IN THE PAST YEAR FROM 52 TO 270 IN LIAONING AND FROM 6 TO ABOUT 100 IN KWANGTUNG, WHILE KWANGSI NOTED THAT 16 WORKERS' UNIVERSITIES OPENED ON JULY 21 IN NANNING CITY ALONE. SHANGHAI'S WEN HUI PAO CALLS FOR JULY 21 UNIVERSITIES TO BE SET UP NOT ONLY IN FACTORIES, BUT IN THE FIELDS OF FINANCE AND TRADE, SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH, CULTURE AND EDUCATION, AND PUBLIC HEALTH AS WELL, REFLECTING PEKING'S CONTINUING EFFORTS TO DEVELOP BETTER-TRAINED WORKERS AND TECHNICIANS WHILE AT THE SAME TIME NARROWING THE GAP BETWEEN AND EDUCATED ELITE AND THE WORKING MASSES. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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3. THE PLA

WHILE THE MILITARY ONLY OCCASIONALLY HAS BEEN CRITICIZED DURING THE CURRENT CAMPAIGN FOR INEQUALITIES AND "BOURGEOIS RIGHTS" WITHIN ITS SYSTEM, PRESENT CRITICISM IN SOME PLA UNITS HAS SHARPENED. IN TWO BROADCASTS, PLA OFFICERS WERE CRITICIZED BY THEIR OWN PARTY COMMITTEES FOR ACTING LIKE "BIG SHOTS AND MANDARINS" AND TOLD THAT SOME LEADING CADRES HAVE BECOME "DEGENERATES" (RADIO KWANGTUNG JULY 24, RADIO KWANGSI JULY 23). LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

4. MEANWHILE THE CHAIRMAN'S NEPHEW, MAO YUAN-HSIN, HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS A RESPONSIBLE PERSON OF THE SHENYANG MILITARY REGION, ADDING TO HIS OTHER TITLES OF LIAONING PARTY SECRETARY

AND RC VICE CHAIRMAN (HK A-164). ALSO IDENTIFIED IN THE
SAME JULY 23 LIAONING BROADCAST AS A RESPONSIBLE PERSON OF
THE SHENYANG MR IS WANG HUI-CHIU, MOST PROBABLY THE FORMER
POLITICAL COMMISSAR OF THE AIR FORCE WHOSE CAREER WANED
NOTICEABLY AFTER THE FALL OF LIN PIAO AND WHO FIRST WAS NOTED
IN LIAONING ON MAY DAY THIS YEAR. BOTH MAO AND WANG ARE
PROBABLY SERVING IN THE POLITICAL COMMISSAR RANKS. LIMITED
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5. PARTY SUPERVISORY ORGANS IDENTIFIED

BROADCASTS FROM TSINGHAI AND YUNNAN MENTIONED THE EXISTENCE OF AN INDUSTRY AND COMMUNICATIONS POLITICAL DEPARTMENT UNDER THE PROVINCIAL CCP COMMITTEE. BEFORE THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION THESE "POLITICAL DEPARTMENTS/ EXISTED AT BOTH NATIONAL AND LOCAL LEVELS TO OVERSEE GOVERNMENT WORK IN THE FIELDS OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY, INDUSTRY AND COMMUNICATIONS, FINANCE AND TRADE, AND EDUCATION. SINCE THE DESTRUCTION OF THE PARTY APPARATUS DURING THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION, NO MENTION OF THESE PARTICULAR PARTY ORGANS AT ANY LEVEL HAS COME TO OUR ATTENTION

UNTIL NOW, AND THEY ARE NOT SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED IN THE PARTY CONSTITUTION ADOPTED IN 1973. THE BROADCASTS ARE THE FIRST INDICATION THAT THE PARTY HAS REESTABLISHED A WIDER RANGE OF SUPERVISORY ORGANS, AT LEAST AT THE PROVINCIAL LEVEL, AND PRESUMABLE AT THE CENTER AS WELL.
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6. CHINA'S SPACE SATELLITE COULD HAVE MILITARY FUNCTION

HONG KONG'S PRC -OWNED HSIN WAN PAO REPRINTED AN ARTICLE FROM AN ENGLISH-LANGUAGE PAPER HERE STATING THAT GATHERING MILITARY INTELLIGENCE AND PROVIDING METEOROLOGICAL INFORMATION FOR THE PROMOTION OF AGRICULTURE "COULD BE " AMONG THE FUNCTIONS OF THE PRC SATELLITE LAUNCHED ON JULY 26--- THUS PRESUMABLY CONFIRMING THAT SPECULATION . (AS A FURTHER HINT, NCNA JULY 27 COMMENDED THE PLA FOR ITS ROLE IN THE SATELLITE'S SUCCESS, ALTHOUGH PEKING HAS NOT OFFICIALLY REVEALED ANY OF ITS FUNCTIONS.) THE ORIGINAL ARTICLE CARRIED IN HSIN WAN PAO ALSO CLAIMED THE SATELLITE'S PATH WILL SEND IT ACROSS MOST OF SIBERIA AND ALL OF MONGOLIA, AND THAT IT IS THE HEAVIEST CHINESE SATELLITE SENT ALOFT TO DATE, WEIGHING BETWEEN HALF A TON TO ONE TON. NCNA'S PROUD ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE LAUNCHING OF ITS THIRD

SATELLITE-- THE OTHER TWO WERE IN APRIL 1970 AND MARCH 1971---

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CONTRASTS WITH ITS CONDEMNATION LAST WEEK OF HEAVY SOVIET EXPENDITURES ON SPACE EXPLOARTION AND ITS CLAIMS THAT BOTH SUPERPOWERS ARE USING SPACE FOR MILITARY AND SPY PRUPOSES (WR 30). LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

7. PRESIDENT FORD IN EUROPE

PRC MEDIA HAS CARRIED EXTENSIVE EXCERPTS FROM PRESIDENT FORD'S JULY 25 STATEMENT PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FOR EUROPE (HONG KONG 8647). THUS FAR, HOWEVER, NCNA'S ONLY ITEM ON THE PRESIDENT'S ACTUAL TRAVELS-- A JULY 28 REPORT FROM BONN- INDICATED THAT HS TALKS WITH FRG CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT INCLUDED DISCUSSIONS OF EUROPEAN SECURITY, THE SITUATION IN PORTUGAL, TURKEY AND THE MIDEAST , AND THE ECONOMIC CRISIS. IT ALSO NOTED THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO THE TIRD ARMORED DIVISION AND PLEDGE THAT THERE WOULD BE "NO SLACKENING OF THE US COMMIT- MENT TO WESTERN EUROPE". THE COMMUNIST NEWSPAPERS IN HONG KONG HAVE CARRIED AGENCY REPORTS ON THE PRESIDENT'S ARRIVAL IN WARSAW, AND A JULY 29 COMMNETARY IN THE LOCAL PRC -OWNED TA KUNG PAO MAINTTINED THAT THEPRESIDENT'S VISIT TO EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES WAS PRIMARILY TO "INFILTRATE AN AREA UNDER SOVIET CONTROL ". LIMITED OFFICIALUSE

8. ANTI-SOVIET I---- THE CSCE

PRC PROPAGANDA HAS CONTINUED ITS HEAVY ANTI-SOVIET EMPHASIS DURING THE WEEK WITH MAJOR ATTENTION BEING PAID TO THE UPCOMING CSCE SUMMIT. ON JULY 24, A SIGNED PEOPLE'S DAILY ARTICLE (HONG KONG 8475) WARNED THAT MOSCOW NEITHER RESPECTS NOR ACKNOWLEDGES RIGHTS OF SMALL OR MEDIUM -SIZED COUNTRIES, WHICH WOULD IMPEDE THE SOVIET SCRAMBLE FOR HEGEMONY. REFUTING THE SOVIET REVISIONIST "FALLCY OF SMALL NATION CHAVINISM", THE ARTICLE TOOK SPECIFIC AIM AT MOSCOW'S SHARP RESPONSE TO THE MALTESE PROPOSAL FOR SUPERPOWER REDUCTION OF MILITARY FORCES IN THE MEDITERRANEAN PRIOR TO THE CSCE SUMMIT. ON JULY 26 AND 27, NCNA CARRIED THEREE SEPARATE ITEMS ON WESTERN LEADERS' CAUTIONS CONCERNING THE SIGNIFICANCE OF SIGNING THE CSCE AGREEMENT (HONG KONG 8647), GIVING TOP ATTENTION AND SPACE TO PRESIDENT FORD'S STATEMENT THAT THE CSCE IS "NEITHER A TREATY NOR IS IT LEGALLY BINDING ON ANY PARTICIPATING STATE".

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9. ANTI-SOVIET II--- SOUTHEAST ASIA

A SIGNED PEOPLE'S DAILY ARTICLE AND AN NCNA'S CORRESPONDENT'S ARTICLE, BOTH CARRIED ON JULY 29, CONDEMN THE SOVIETS FOR THEIR HEGEMONIC DESIGNS ON SOUTHEAST ASIA (SEA). THE CORRESPONDENT'S ARTICLE TAKES ISSUE WITH A JULY 21 TASS COMMENTARY WHICH SUGGESTS THAT THE CSCE CAN SERVE AS AN EXAMPLE FOR SEA NATIONS. IT ALSO CHARGES THE SOVIETS WITH SEEKING MILITARY BASES IN THE REGION, STEPPING UP ESPIONAGE ACTIVITIES IN SEA, DEMANDING "INTERNATIONALIZATION" OF THE MALACCA STRAITS, AND ATTEMPTING TO SCUTTLE PROPOSALS FOR SEA NEUTRALIZATION. THE PEOPLE'S DAILY ARTICLE USES THE NOW FAMILIAR "WOLF-TIGER" ANALOGY TO REITERATE THE NEED FOR SEA TO STRENGTHEN UNITY TO "WAGE A FIRM STRUGGLE AGAINST SUPERPOWER AGGRESSION". LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

10. IN OTHER REPORTING ON SEA, NCNA HAS CARRIED ITS FIRST EXCERPT FROM THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE OF THAILAND (VOPT) SINCE THE NORMALIZATION OF SINO-THAI RELATIONS. IN AN APPARENT EFFORT TO MINIMIZE ANY NEGATIVE RESPONSE IN OFFICIAL THAI CIRCLES, THE NCNA REPORTS OF THE VOPT MESSAGE CONTAINS NO MENTION OF THE INSURGENTS' STRUGGLE WITH THE THAI GOVERNMENT AND CONSISTS WHOLLY OF AN ATTACK ON SOVIET INTERFERENCE IN THAI INTERNAL AFFAIRS AND AMBITIONS IN THAILAND. NCNA HAS ALSO PROVIDED BRIEF BUT APPROVING COVERAGE OF THE THAI PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO THE PHILIPPINES AND SINGAPORE, WITH PARTICULAR ATTENTION BEING PAID TO KUKURIT'S STATEMENT ON ASEA SOLIDARITY AND REGIONAL COOPERATION (NCNA JULY 25 28). LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

11. AFRICA

MALAGASY -- A VISITING MALAGASY GOVERNMENT ECONOMIC DELEGATION HEADED BY LT. COL JOEL RAKOTOMALALA MET WITH VICE PREMIER TENG- HSIAO-PING AND OTHER PRC LEADERS BEFORE CONCLUDING ANOTHER AGREEMENT ON ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION WITH THE CHINESE WHICH MAY HAVE FALLEN SHORT OF MALAGASY EXPECTATIONS. AT A JULY 23 BANQUET HONORING THE DELEGATION VICE PREMIER AND PRINCIPAL HOST KU MU NOTED THE PRC'S
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BOUNDEN INTERNATIONALIST DUTY TO SUPPORT THE THIRD WORLD, BUT ADDED THAT CHINA, "AT PRESENT" IS A DEVELOPING SOCIALIST COUNTRY WITH LIMITED MEANS. OFFERING THE USUAL TOUR D'HORIZON, KU NOTED THE CURRENT "VIGOROUS UPEAVALS" ON THE INTERNATIONAL SCENE DUE TO SUPERPOWER RIVALRY, PARTICULARLY IN EUROPE, AND MENTIONED THE PROBLEM OF "NEW DISORDERS" IN SOUTHERNEUROPE BEFORE CHARGING THE SUPERPOWERS WITH "GRAVELY MEANCING" THE SECURITY OF THE INDIAN OCEAN AREA.

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12. ANGOLA-- PEKIG CONTINUES TO REFRAIN FROM PUBLICLY BACKING ANY OF ANGOLA'S THREE NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS. THUS, KU'S REFERENCE TO THE SITUATION IN AFRICA IN HIS SPEECH TO THE MALAGASYANS NOTED THE INTEREST OF ANGOLAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS IN UNITING AGAINST THE ENEMY TO ACHIEVE INDEPENDENCE ON SCHEDULE. HE CHARGED THE SOVIETS WITH "PERPETUATING SUBTERFUGES" AND ATTEMPTING TO STIR UP INTERNAL CONFLICTS IN A "VAIN ATTEMPT", TO PROFIT THEREFROM. NCNA'S REPORT OF KU'S REMARKS SERVED AS A PRELUDE TO A SERIES OF LENGTHLY NCNA CORRESPONDENTS' ARTICLES AND COMMENTARIES CHARGING MOSCOW WITH FOMENTING ARMED STRUGGLE IN ANGOLA AND SEEKING TO SUBJUGATE THE WHOLE OF AFRICA. A JULY 26 COMMENTARY NOTED INSTANCES OF SOVIET ARMS SHIPMENTS AND ASSERTED THAT THERE IS "NO CONFLICT OF BASIC INTEREST AMONG THE AFRICAN COUNTRIES AND AMONG THE ANGOLAN NATIONALIST LIBERATION MOVEMENTS".

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13. OAU--COMMENTING ON THE OPENING OF THE TWELFTH ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY (OAU) SUMMIT CONFERENCE IN KAMPALA, AN NCNA ARTICLE LABELLED THE SOVIETS THE "ENEMY OF THE AFRICAN PEOPLE" AND EVEN SAW A LINKAGE BETWEEN SOVIET GRAIN PURCHASES AND MOSCOW'S EFFORTS TO SUBJUGATE THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. CONSISTENT WITH PAST PRACTICE, NCNA CARRIED PREMIER CHOU EN-LAI'S WARM CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE TO THE OAU MEETING. HOWEVER, THIS YEAR ON THE SAME DAY, NCNA FEATURED A LENGTHY BLAST ATTACKING THE "SPECIAL DOCUMENT" ALLEGEDLY REplete WITH "SPECIAL LIES" SENT BY THE SOVIETS TO THE OAU SUMMIT. NCNA HAS CARRIED WITHOUT COMMENT EXTENSIVE REPORTS OF RESOLUTIONS OF THE PRE-SUMMIT OAU MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE ON AFRICAN PROBLEMS AND THE MIDDLE EAST, NOTING THE ATTENDANCE OF BOTH PRESIDENT SADAT AND PLO LEADER ARAFAT AT THE AFRICAN CONFERENCE (NCNA JULY 23-29). LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FOR THE FIRST TIME THIS MONTH, NCNA HAS REFERRED TO THE DOMESTIC

SITUATION IN INDIA CLAIMING THAT THE GANDHI GOVERNMENT HAS
INTENSIFIED ITS MEASURES FOR FASCIST SUPPRESSION AND THAT THE
"MASSES OF INDIAN PEOPLE STRONGLY RESENT" THESE MEASURES.
THE ITEM CONTENDS THAT TENS OF THOUSANDS HAVE BEEN JAILED, THE
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT BILL WAS "RAILROADED THROUGH
PARLIAMENT," AND THAT FASCIST RALLIES ARE INCREASING.
THE ARTICLE, HOWEVER, DOES NOT CONDEMN MRS. GANDHI
PERSONALLY AS THE PRC MEDIA DID IN LATE JUNE (WR 27;
NCNA JULY 29). LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

15. SINO-SOVIET

NCNA NOTED JULY 24 WITHOUT COMMENT THE SIGNING OF THE 1975

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